

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 1997-079-C and 1997-080-C - ORDER NO. 2005-291

JUNE 6, 2005

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| IN RE: Docket No. 1997-079-C – Request of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for Approval of Revisions to its Access Services Tariff Removing Coin/Pay Telephone Services as Tariffed Offerings in Response to FCC Order No. 96-128. |) | ORDER GRANTING |
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| Docket No. 1997-080-C – Request of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas for Approval of Revisions to its General Subscriber Services Tariff in Response to the FCC Order No. 96-128 Regarding Payphone Deregulation. |) | |
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Motion of Scott Elliott, Esquire, for Admission of William R. L. Atkinson, Esquire, to practice before the Commission *pro hac vice* on behalf of United Telephone Company of the Carolinas (Sprint). Mr. Atkinson petitions to appear before the Commission as counsel for Sprint in any hearings or proceedings regarding Docket No. 1997-079-C and Docket No. 1997-080-C which were remanded to the Commission from the Circuit Court of South Carolina.

The Motion of Scott Elliott, local counsel for Sprint, for Admission of Atkinson *pro hac vice* asserts that a verified application for admission of Atkinson *pro hac vice* has

been filed with the South Carolina Supreme Court for each docket. The Deputy Clerk for Bar Admissions has certified receipt of the filings and that the filing fees have been paid. Mr. Elliott's Motion asserts that the provisions set forth in SCARC 404 have been satisfied, and therefore, requests the Motion be granted.

It appears to this Commission that the proper *pro hac vice* applications have been filed and that the necessary affirmations have been made. We believe that the Motion for admission to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission in Docket No. 1997-079-C and Docket No. 1997-080-C should be granted.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Scott Elliott, Esquire, has moved for the *pro hac vice* admission of William R. L. Atkinson to practice before the Commission on Docket No. 1997-079-C and Docket No. 1997-080-C.

3. Proper applications have been filed, the filing fees have been paid, and the necessary affirmations have been made, as required by SCACR 404.

4. Atkinson has associated South Carolina counsel.

5. The Motion for *pro hac vice* admission in these proceedings should be granted.

ORDER

The Motion of Scott Elliott for *pro hac vice* admission of William R. L. Atkinson to practice before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for Docket No. 1997-079-C and Docket No. 1997-080-C is granted.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

/s/
Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/
G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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